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gratis The CASE of William Warner, Gent.

Relating to his

WATER-WORKS at Deale.

5. March. 1699
1700.

ABout Twelve Months since the said Warner being at Deale, observed their great want of good Water both for Town and Shipping, and was requested by divers of the Inhabitants to Erect Water-works there, but being advised that the Royalty belonged to his Grace the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, would not ingage therein till most of the principal Inhabitants certified his Lordship of their want of Water, and Petitioned his Grace to countenance, and encourage the said Warner therein.

Whereupon his Grace recommended a skilful Artift to Survey the Town and Grounds adjacent, and his Lordship being well satisfied with this Surveyer's report, gave Warner Leave and Encouragement (in writing under his hand) to begin and proceed in the said undertaking. On which the said Warner began and proceeded, in order to Supply the said Town and Shipping with Water, and hath expended and contracted for necessities in this undertaking about Thirteen Hundred Pounds.

But hath suspended his proceedings at present by reason of the pretensions of Mr. William Rider, upon a Patent granted by the late King James unto Edward Burdett, Esq. (a convicted Papist) and to the said Rider at Burdett's request, as the Patent sets forth, for Watering the said Town, who thereon opposed Warners Bill (twice read in the Honourable House of Commons) for the purpose aforesaid, and obtained leave to bring in a Bill in his own Name, which Warner supposes was granted, upon the said Rider's Suggestions in his Printed Case, most of the Allegations of which, Warner hopes to prove are Notoriously false.

And that the Crown had no right to Grant that Patent, the Royalty belonging to the Bishop of Canterbury, but if any Interest passed thereby, it was in Trust for Edward Lord Griffin, who was Attainted and Outlawed for High Treason, and the Interest reverted again to the Crown.

And whereas the said Rider in his Case pretends, that 2500 l. was taken up to defray the Charges and Expence of the said Grant and Undertaking, and that Agents were sent down to treat with the Inhabitants of Deale, from whom they obtained Subscriptions. The said Warner hopes to prove by divers of the principal Inhabitants of the said Town, That no Money was ever laid out by the Patentees, or any Person for them, about the said Water-works, and that no Agents did ever appear to Treat with the said Town, or take Subscriptions on that account save only Cole alias Hall, Robinson and Gillibrand, which three Persons are mentioned in the Tryal of Sir John Friend, folio 19. and therein declared to be in the Assassinating Plot and sworn to be then at Deale, who were there some time under colour of this Patent, but on discovery of that Plot (Search being made for them) these Agents fled, Cole alias Hall, into France, and the others not heard of since at Deale.

And this Patent hath not been made use of, neither before nor since that Plot, but only at that Juncture of Time, about which time Rider the other Patentee also was committed to the Fleet-Prison, as disaffected to the Government.

And whereas the said Rider in his Case sets forth, that the 2500 l. was not applied towards the Water-works, by reason of the disagreement of the Parties concern'd. Now considering to and for whom the Patent was granted, who the Agents were (that took the Subscriptions) and the conveniency of Deale for Correspondency with France: Whether it may not be necessary to enquire who those Parties are that disagreed, and to what use this 2500 l. was applied? is Humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House of Commons.

And the said Warner having at the Request of the Town of Deale, by the Leave and Encouragement of the Lord of the Royalty, ~~hath~~ contracted for and expended about 1300 l. on the aforesaid Undertaking, and having also covenanted to pay considerable Yearly Rents for 99 Years for Grounds convenient, upon which he hath erected Buildings for the Purposes aforesaid. And having no way left to make himself Reparation for the several Summs of Money he hath Expended, and Contracted for about the Premises aforesaid; Humbly hopes that the Honourable House of Commons will not pass any Bill to confirm the said Patent, to the Prejudice of the said Warner's Right.